



Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

Service Academy Nomination Application

Introduction

Each year many of America's finest young leaders matriculate at one of the United States service academies. As some of the most selective institutions of higher learning in the world, the United States service academies offer young people a unique opportunity to obtain a first class education and subsequently serve our country upon graduation as commissioned officers in the United States military. I am pleased to be able to partake in this process by nominating some of New York State's most accomplished young people for an appointment to one of these academies.

The President of the United States officially makes all appointments to the United States service academies. However, each member of Congress is allotted a limited number of nominations, which they may submit for consideration of an appointment (by the academy) to fill vacancies at each academy. Because securing a nomination does not guarantee an appointment or an offer of admission, the entire process is highly competitive. Currently each United States Senator is permitted to have a total of five spaces charged to his or her office at each academy, with just one vacancy available per year in most instances. You are therefore encouraged to apply for as many nominations as you may be eligible, including (but not limited to) your local congressional representative and the Vice-President of the United States.

You are to be commended on your interest in serving our country by seeking a nomination to one of the United States service academies. I encourage you to contact my New York City office at (212) 688-6262 should you have any questions about this process.

The Application Process

How does it work?

As stated earlier, members of Congress may nominate a limited number of candidates to the United States Military, Naval, and Air Force academies each year. Members may only nominate applicants who meet the eligibility requirements as established by law. Additionally, Senators and Representatives from each state may collectively nominate a certain number of candidates to the Merchant Marine Academy.

Admission to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy is no longer predicated upon receiving a nomination from a United States Senator. Applications must therefore be made directly to the Academy.

In addition to returning the enclosed application to my New York City office, you must also remember to complete and submit the requisite admissions application to your academy or academies of choice. It is your responsibility to ensure that the institutions to which you are applying open an admissions file for you. Additionally, it is also your responsibility to make sure that you meet any special criteria required for admission by your academy or academies of choice. For more information you should consult the academy guidebook or contact your high school guidance counselor. You may also find out more information about each of the academies at the telephone numbers and websites listed below.

Army: 1-800-822-ARMY

www.usma.edu

Navy: 1-888-249-7707

www.usna.edu

Air Force: 719-333-2520

www.usafa.edu

Merchant Marines: 1-800-732-6267

www.usmma.edu

Who Is Eligible?

Each applicant for a nomination from my office must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- **Age:** Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday. (25 for the Merchant Marine Academy)
- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen, **and** a permanent resident of New York State.
- **Marital Status:** Be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

Please note that the acceptance of an appointment to a United States service academy commits an applicant to five years of active duty service after graduation.

Prior to applying for a nomination from my office, please contact your academy or academies of choice to request a pre-candidate questionnaire. Once completed and returned, the academy will apprise you of any special physical, medical, or academic requirements particular to their institution. Congressional nominations are utilized by the following academies:

- **U.S. Air Force Academy**, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- **U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**, Kings Point, New York
- **U.S. Military Academy**, West Point, New York
- **U.S. Naval Academy**, Annapolis, Maryland

***The U.S. Coast Guard Academy** in New London, Connecticut does not utilize Congressional nominations. However, like her sister academies, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy provides an excellent education in exchange for an active service commitment upon graduation.

Because it is possible to receive a nomination from more than one source and nominations are limited, I request as a matter of courtesy that you inform my office of any other nominations you may receive to a service academy.

The Application

Our office will require the following materials in order to fairly evaluate your request for nomination:

- A completed “Service Academy Nomination Application.”
- An official transcript from all high schools, junior colleges, or colleges you have attended.
- Official SAT (score code: **2425**) or ACT (score code: **7164**) scores **if they are not noted on your official academic transcript**—see your guidance counselor for clarification.
- Three letters of recommendation from people who know you well. For high school students, one of these recommendations must be from a mathematics or science teacher. Recommendations from family members are not permitted.
- Essay
 - *In approximately 500 typed words, please explain why you are seeking this nomination, and why you want to be commissioned to the academy.*

Once you have completed all of our application requirements, please mail them via United States Postal Service (postmarked no later than **OCTOBER 31st** of the year before you wish to enter) to my New York City office at the following address:

Office of Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
780 Third Avenue – Suite 2601
New York, New York 10017
ATTN: Ricardo Sanchez

Please note our October 31st deadline. Due to the volume of applications that must be processed, extensions beyond this deadline are not possible. Once you have submitted all of your application materials, my Academy Selection Committee will screen applicants for intelligence, leadership ability, moral character, adequacy of preparation, and sincerity of desire to attend.

You *may* be contacted for an interview to be conducted at a place and time to be determined at a later date. Interviews shall be conducted in early November of the year prior to which you wish to enter the academy.

Alternate_____

Education

High School(s): _____ Location: _____
City/State

Date of Graduation: ____/____/____

Class Rank: ____ out of ____ GPA: ____ (weighted/unweighted)

Please list all SAT and/or ACT scores and dates taken:

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_____	_____
_____	_____

College (if applicable): _____ Location: _____
City/State

GPA: ____ Major/Minor: _____

Extracurricular Activities/Honors/Awards/Sports (attach additional pages if needed):

Certification

My statements on this form and any attachments to it are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith. I understand that knowingly false answers will lead to the rejection of my application.

Signature

Date